

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks and allowability of claim 11. Claims 1, 11, and 12 have been amended, and claims 2 and 14 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-13 are pending in the application.

Allowable claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 11 is therefore in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under §102(b) as being anticipated by Kargula. Independent claims 1 and 6 each recite that the collet retainer includes “an expansion gap at one circumferential location and a groove at another circumferential location.” The Examiner points to element 102 (Fig.6) of Kargula as being equivalent to the claimed groove. However, the groove of Kargula runs entirely around the collet, including at the split 81. Therefore, the groove is at the same circumferential location as the split, not at another circumferential location as claimed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 4, 6, and 8-10 were rejected under §102(b) as being anticipated by Laipply. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter previously set forth in dependent claim 2. Claim 2 was not subject to this rejection and Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the rejection be withdrawn. Since claim 2 has already been examined, entering the amendment should not require additional examination and will simplify this case going forward.

Claims 12-14 were rejected under §102(b) as being anticipated by Guest. Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter previously set forth in dependent claim 14. Since claim 14 has already been examined, entering the amendment should not require additional examination and will simplify this case going forward. Claim 12 recites that “said leg is located between said channel and said ramped surface.” In Guest, the ramped surface that the Examiner points to is located at the head/end of the leg. The remainder of the leg extends from the head/end (to the left in Fig.1) and is therefore not between the channel (located to the right of the head/end in Fig.1) and the ramped surface as claimed. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 12 is allowable.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. **50-1482** in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Old, P.C. for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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